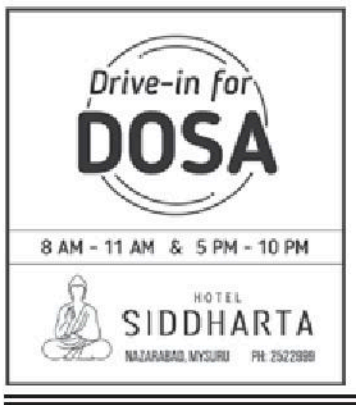

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POLLS: Public campaign ends tomorrow evening

Mysuru, May 9 (BCT)- The high-pitched public election campaigning across the State and in the 11 constituencies of Mysuru district will end at 6 pm tomorrow (May 10). After the public canvassing ends, candidates are allowed only to undertake door-to-door campaigning.

All eyes will be on Mysuru region where the electoral performance of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at his hometown will be put to test, especially in Chamundeshwari where the CM will take on his one-time friend G.T. Devegowda of JD(S).

With just hours for the public campaign to close, both BJP and Congress are fielding its top leaders to woo voters. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address four rallies in Bangarpet, Chikkamagaluru, Belagavi and Bidar today, BJP Chief Amit Shah will conduct road shows in Bengaluru and Tumakuru districts. Congress Chief Rahul Gandhi will steer the party's campaign in Bengaluru.

This time, the Election Commission of India has issued strict directions regarding public campaigning and has stated that all kinds of campaigning, barring door-to-door visits, should conclude 48 hours before the voting.

Meanwhile, the Mysuru District Administration has made all arrangements for the May 12 polls. For the first time in an election, a medicine kit will be distributed to staff at all the polling booths, including security personnel. The kit will contain basic medicines. If needed, there is a provision to treat the polling and security personnel in private hospitals and the cost will be borne by the administration.

To Our Readers

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Opinion polls and people's aspirations

With just three days left to go for voting, opinion polls remain divided between predicting an outright victory for any political party or a hung Assembly. And so far, only one pollster has predicted a clear majority for Congress in the 224-Member House. Apart from field surveys where voters are asked a set of certain questions regarding the party or a candidate of their choice, companies conduct these surveys through telephone and online media. But field surveys are the most trusted where voters are interviewed one-on-one in a particular area/ constituency and the larger picture is predicted.

In the opinion polls conducted so far, the TV5 News poll, released on May 7 has predicted that the BJP would receive a clear majority between 110 and 120 seats, the Congress could get between 65 and 75 seats and the Janata Dal (Secular), which has tied up with the BSP, could gain between 38 and 42 seats. In April, a C-Fore opinion poll found the Congress comfortably ahead of BJP and JD(S), and predicted the Congress could get a clear majority with 118 to 128 seats. The survey said the BJP was likely to get between 63 and 73 seats and the JD(S) would get from 29 to 36 seats.

The Jan Ki Baat opinion poll conducted in the first week of May gave the BJP the upper hand, however, without a clear majority —between 102 and 108 seats. It gave Congress 72-74 seats and gave JD(S) between 42 and 44 seats. The ABP News-CSDS opinion poll predicted a hung Assembly with Congress emerging as the single-largest party closely followed by the BJP and the JD(S) that will play a king-maker. The survey gave Congress 97 seats, BJP 84 seats and JD(S) 37 seats. The Times Now-VMR gave Congress 91 seats, BJP 89 seats and JD(S) 40 seats.

Among the poll issues, access to clean drinking water, good roads, drainage and education emerged as the voters' biggest problems. Respondents said that the Karnataka flag issue was a minor one and over 61 percent said that the Lingayat issue was raked up for electoral gains. This indicates that even after 71 years, people are deprived of basic amenities and on the other hand, politicians are busy whipping up emotional and religious issues for political gains.

Irrespective of whichever political party coming to power, the issues have remained the same though they promise that it will be a "Rama Rajya" once they take over. This has caused the voters to lose faith in the democratic process and most of them (especially the youth) stay away from voting. The voting percentage (average 65 percent) in India is an indicator of this fact. For the record, Belgium has a voting percentage of 87.2 percent.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

POLL BUCK: ***Several households in cities are fretting — housemaids are either absent, or arrive late for work. These women are getting busy with campaigns for politicians who are in need of people to do "ground work", and make some quick bucks. Ground work includes canvassing door-to-door, creating awareness about candidates in residential localities, distributing pamphlets and raising slogans. An agent who gathers people for canvassing, mostly hires women, young and middle-aged. They are sent in groups of 30 to 50 on morning and evening rounds, for which each of them is paid Rs. 300 - Rs. 500, along with food packets. Garment workers and people from economic weaker section (EWS) colonies are also roped in. Maids don't mind skipping their regular work as canvassing gets them quick money. All they have to do is spend 2 to 3 hours in the morning and evening. Some housemaids and garment workers manage both regular work and campaigning. These days most of the maids' phones remain "not reachable" and neither do they take calls in the mornings as they are out canvassing. There is nothing wrong in them joining campaigns as long as they don't sell their votes to parties.*** — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Raccoon interrupts prayer

California: A wandering raccoon stole the show during a recent Catholic mass in California when it was spotted climbing the walls inside the Church.

A parishioner at the University of San Diego captured the video during a mass last week of a raccoon grabbing the attention of the priest who was delivering the sermon.

The raccoon elicits laughs from the crowd and eventually the priest as well when it makes its way to the ground.

"The raccoon eventually made its way down the sanctuary and through the aisle and someone opened up a door for it," the parishioner wrote. "There are a lot of raccoons on campus and they're very comfortable with humans. This is what it means when we say all are welcome to mass!"

Nearly mile-long textile braid

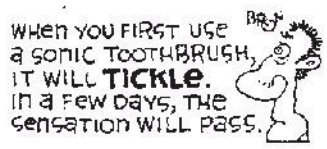
New Jersey: A group of New Jersey students created a long braid of about a mile from repurposed bed sheets to break a Guinness World Record.

The Somerset County 4-H Club unrolled a massive ball of braids Sunday at the Bridewater Commons Mall and measured the single braid at 5,217 feet -- just short of a mile. The group said the braid is composed of more than 100 pounds of textiles.

The 4-H Club said the braid was examined by a licensed surveyor and textile expert to ensure it complies with the guidelines set forth by Guinness, which is now reviewing documents for the record's certification. The current record for a textile braid is 2,265 feet.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Which toothbrush works best, regular or sonic?



Sonic toothbrushes are much better at cleaning teeth than standard toothbrushes. Sonic brushes have been shown to remove stains caused by food or tobacco smoke. They help lessen the severity of periodontal disease, and they can't damage teeth or cause gum recession as can regular toothbrushes.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Admission for diploma courses for differently-abled

Mysuru, May 9 (KS) - JSS Polytechnic for the Differently-Abled, Manasagangothri in city, has invited applications from differently-abled students for admission (on all India basis) to the following three year Diploma courses for the year 2018-19.

The courses offered are: Architecture, Commercial Practice, Computer Science and Engineering which are aided courses; Jewellery Design and Technology, Electronics and Communication Engineering and Computer Applications for the Visually Impaired, which are unaided courses.

Those students who have passed SSLC or equivalent examination with a minimum 35% marks with 40% and above disability — orthopaedically handicapped, hearing impaired (60db and above) and partial and total visual impaired — can apply.

For Jewellery Design and Technology Course, normal students are also eligible for admission under JSS Mahavidyapeetha scheme. Knowledge of Braille (English language) is preferred for partial and total visually impaired students.

Applications can be obtained at the college office on payment of prescribed fee or download by logging on to *www.jsspda.org*. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548315 or 2548316, according to a press release from JSS Polytechnic.

Retired Track Maintainers to fill up vacant posts of Gateman

Mysuru, May 9 - SWR Mysuru Division has decided to re-engage the retired Track Maintainers to fill up vacant posts of Gateman on the basis of 'Walk-in-Screening.' The 'screening' will be held every alternate Tuesday. In case Tuesday happens to be a holiday, it will be conducted on next working day. **The first 'Walk-in-Screening' will be held on May 22 at the Divisional Railway Manager's (DRM) Office, Mysuru, from 15.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs.** Detailed notification regarding eligibility and other conditions is available on: *www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in >about us >Division > MYS > personnel*. Details may also be had from Personnel Department of Mysuru Division, according to a press release from Dr. S.G. Yathish) PRO and Sr.DCM.

Really...?

- ***To avoid polluting the elements (fire, earth, water, air), followers of Zoroastrianism in India don't bury their dead, but instead leave bodies in buildings called "Towers of Silence" for the vultures to pick clean. After the bones dry, they are swept into a central well.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Introduce direct buses from Mysuru to Electronic City and Whitefield

Sir,

Many of us travel by KSRTC buses after finishing our work in the evenings from Electronic City to Kengeri, from Electronic City to Majestic, from Whitefield to Majestic (even to Satellite bus stand when we don't get buses from Kengeri due to weekend rush or since buses don't enter the bus stand) to catch buses to Mysuru almost every Friday and vice-versa on Sunday.

As a result we have to undergo different hardships and uncertain timings to reach Mysuru and our respective destinations. We are forced to reach Mysuru during dead of midnights many a time completely drained, totally exhausted and risking ourselves to untoward incidents.

Our aged and worried parents will either be anxiously waiting at the bus stand or at home spending sleepless nights. And we may not be able to return on time in our return journey also.

In this connection, I request the KSRTC authorities to introduce direct buses from Mysuru to Electronic City, so also to Whitefield from Kuvempunagar Bus Depot and vice-versa which gives us a great mental, physical and financial relief. This also helps other passengers of Ramakrishnanagar, Srirampura, Kuvempunagar, Aravindanagar, Jayanagar etc., of Mysuru and Konanakunte, Gottagari, Nobonagar, Banneraghatta road etc., of Bengaluru in addition to other major bus stations who are alighting and boarding the same buses enroute. If not introduce bus services at least at the beginning and end of the week.

—Dr. M. Shyam Prasad
Krishnamurthypuram 30.4.2018

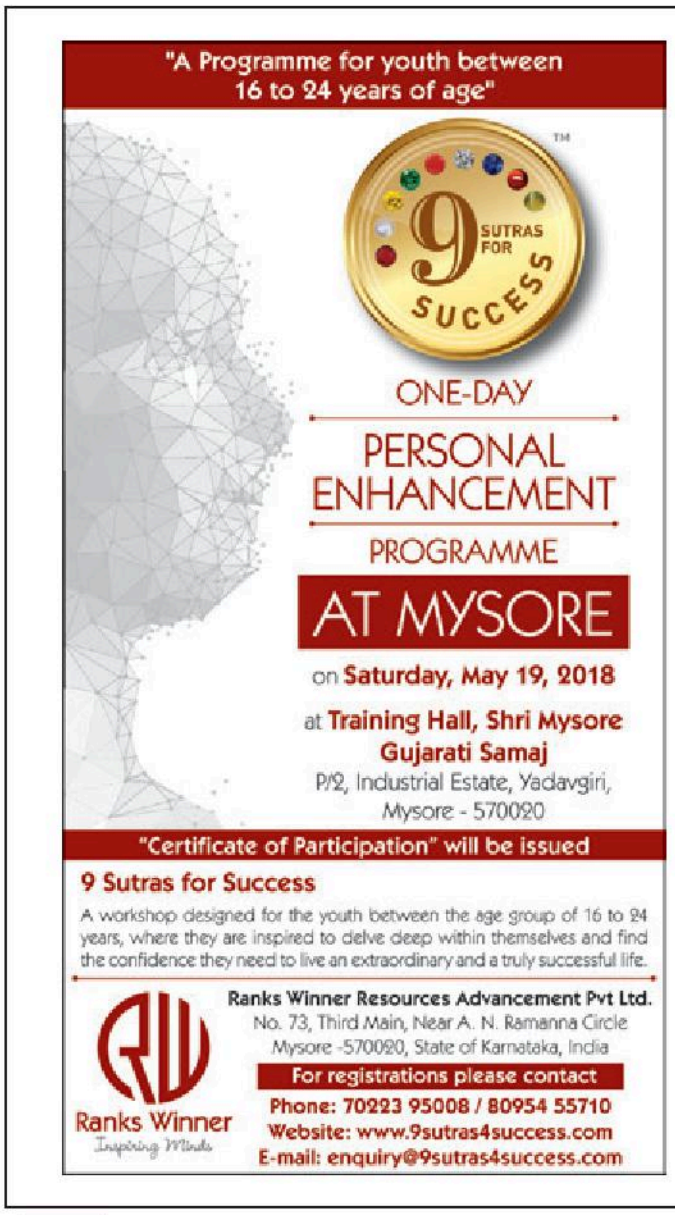
MoU to bridge

Industry-Institution gap

Mysuru, May 9-A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed between GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru and Advanced Electronic Systems (AES), Bengaluru, to bridge the gap between Industry and Institution recently.

The MoU is intended for technical cooperation between AES and the Department of ECE, GSSIETW. They have agreed to jointly organise training programmes for both students and faculty members, internship programmes for students, Faculty Development Programmes, Project works, and assisting students in placements.

The MoU was signed by Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW and Sunil T. Shambhatnavar, General Manager, AES.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Videographing sleeping people through window at night

Lashkar Police Constable suspended

Mehaboob

Mysuru, May 9 (RK&KS)- Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Mahaninga B. Nandaganvi has suspended a Constable on charges of allegedly videographing sleeping people through window during nights and the suspension order in this regard was issued to the Constable on Monday.

The suspended Constable has been identified as Mehaboob Halli, who was serving at Lashkar Police Station in city.

The Constable was caught by the residents of Devaraja Mohalla while he was allegedly videographing on his mobile phone on Sunday night. Mehaboob was caught while he was taking videos of sleeping persons in the house of one Madhusudhan Bhat in Devaraja Mohalla.

Bhat, who heard some sounds, thought some burglars had come to his house and alerted his neighbours, who caught hold of Mehaboob and beat him black and blue before handing him over to the Police.

As the news spread, residents of Devaraja and Lashkar Mohalla, who said that they too had experienced the same, lodged a oral complaint with the Police on Monday. Based on the complaint lodged by Madhusudan Bhat, Devaraja Inspector Shantharam conducted an enquiry and submitted the report to DCP Mahaninga B. Nandaganvi who suspended Constable Mehaboob Halli from service.

Earlier, Mehaboob, who was serving at City Police Commissioner's office, was transferred to Udayagiri Police Station on charges of dereliction of duty. Mehaboob, while serving in Udayagiri, violated traffic rules by not wearing helment and was transferred to Lashkar Police Station.

DCP Mahaninga Nandaganvi told *Star of Mysore* that following several complaints from the public and to prevent black mark on the Police Department, Mehaboob has been suspended from his service.

Mothers along with children go missing from city

Aruna

Anni Nissy

Sheela

Jeevitha

Jeevan

Keerthana

Mysuru, May 9 (KS)- In separate incidents, two women along with their children and a teenage girl has gone missing from Metagalli Police limits in city.

In the first incident, a 27-year-old mother has been reported missing along with her two-year-old daughter since Apr. 25 from city.

While the mother has been identified as Aruna, her daughter has been identified as Anni Nissy.

According to the complaint lodged by her husband, Aruna left her home on Apr.25 along with her daughter Anni saying that she was going to the hospital and has since gone missing.

While Aruna is 5.3ft. tall, fair complexioned, round faced, normal built, speaks Kannada, English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu and was wearing an orange coloured night gown at the time of going missing, her daughter Anni is 2.6ft. tall, fair complexioned, round faced and was wearing a pink coloured frock when she went with her mother.

In the second incident, a 30-year-old woman, identified as Sheela, who left her house on May 2 at about 7.30 pm along with her eight-year-old son Jeevan and 10-year-old daughter Jeevitha saying that she was going to a tailor to get some clothes stitched, has since gone missing.

While Sheela is 5.4ft. tall, fair complexioned, round faced, normal built and was wearing a brown coloured chudidhar at the time of going missing, Jeevan is 3.2 ft. tall, fair complexioned, oval faced, normal built, speaks Kannada and was wearing a T-shirt and shorts at the time of going missing. Jeevitha is 3.4 ft. tall, fair complexioned, round faced, normal built and was wearing a frock at the time of going missing.

In the third incident, 19-year-old Keerthana, who left her house on May 4 between 12.30 pm and 2.40 pm has since gone missing.

She is 5.4 ft. tall, fair complexioned, oval faced, normal built, speaks Kannada and Tamil and was wearing a blue coloured top and pink coloured pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the above missing persons may contact Metagalli Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418315 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

CAR constable ends life

Mysuru, May 9 (RK&NNN)- CAR Constable Ravikumar (44) committed suicide early this morning on Chamundi Hill.

A resident of Jalapuri Quarters, Ravikumar leaves behind his wife Nagaratna, a conductor in KSRTC.

He was posted along with two other Constables to guard the 'Repeater' tower which is located midway to the top of Chamundi Hill.

This morning, while two of his associates went for a stroll, he stayed back. When they returned to the spot, they found him missing.

As they looked around they found him hanging from a nearby tower. It is learnt that he was suffering from some health issues and hence took the extreme step.

On receiving information, K.R. Police rushed to the spot and conducted mazhar.

The body was shifted to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) mortuary for post-mortem.

MDJA condemns manhandling of scribe

Mysuru, May 9 (PM&KS)- Condemning the harassment on a journalist by Minister Tanveer Sait's supporters who had also illegally confined the journalist in a house when he had gone for reporting, journalists under the banner of Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA), staged a protest by wearing black bands around the arms in front of Mahatma Gandhi bust opposite City Law Courts Complex here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Association President C.K. Mahendra said that this was not the first time that a journalist was manhandled and threatened by political parties and urged the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the District Election Officer, to take the issue seriously and take legal action against the culprits besides seeking protection for scribes.

MDJA Vice-President (City) M. Subramanya, General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu, Treasurer L.G. Dakshinamurthy, former Vice-President S.T. Ravikumar, littérateur Bannur K. Raju, senior journalist Kudli Gururaj, victim Shivendra Urs and others took part in the protest.

NEWS BRIEFS

Conferring of Venus Shramajeevi Award

Rotary Mysore Midtown and Venus Egg Centre have jointly organised a programme at RCL Hall, Rotary Centre, Opposite MUDA, JLB Road, today (May 9) at 6.30 pm, to confer 'Rotary Mysore Midtown Venus Shramajeevi Award' on R. Murugesha (employee at MCC) and Ayub Ahmed (car driver). Industrialist Shivakumar will be the chief guest.

Hernia Clinic

Hernia Evening Clinic has been organised at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital (NH) in city on May 10 from 4 pm to 6 pm. For details, contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Free coaching for failed students

Free coaching classes will be conducted for SSLC and PUC failed students for supplementary exam (June 2018) at Hardwicke High School and Bishop Sergeant Degree College on JLB Road in city. For registration, contact Ph: 0821-2333186 or Mob: 97403-27250.

Diploma in Co-op. Management

The Karnataka Institute of Co-operative Management, located at Sahakara Bhavan, Chamaraja Double Road in city, has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to six-month Diploma course in Co-operative Management. Candidates who have passed SSLC and are above 16 years of age are eligible to apply. Those from General and SC/ST category and staff of Co-operative Societies located in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts are eligible to apply. Prescribed application forms can be collected from the Institute office and filled in forms must be submitted before May 31. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520563 or Mob: 98459-18519.

Income Tax sleuths seize
lakhs of rupees from resort in Badami

CM's aide C.M. Ibrahim was present when the raid took place

Bagalkot, May 9- Just a couple of days before the voting day for the Assembly elections scheduled to take place on May 12, a cash scandal has hit Badami Constituency where Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is contesting, after the Income Tax Department raided a private resort on Monday and seized lakhs of rupees from there. Badami constituency holds prime importance as Siddharamaiah will be contesting from this seat apart from fighting elections from Chamundeshwari.

The inspection by I-T officials concluded yesterday and it is learnt that the I-T sleuths have seized some important documents from the resort.

Siddharamaiah Ibrahim

Siddharamaiah's close aide C.M. Ibrahim was present when the I-T sleuths raided the resort. The I-T sleuths, who grilled Ibrahim for about two hours, seized lakhs of rupees which was with Ibrahim. The I-T team comprised around 10 officials including an Income Tax Joint Director.

Meanwhile, Ibrahim speaking to the media said that he was not staying in the resort but had come there along with his friends for dinner. He further said that the I-T officials did not allow him to go but made him sit for hours before letting him go and added that the officials seized Rs. 5 lakh cash from him which he had kept for his expenditure.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission on Tuesday intercepted CM Siddharamaiah's helicopter and scanned it for cash after he landed in Mandya to address one of his rallies.

According to reports, it is yet to be confirmed whether EC found any cash in Siddaramaiah's chopper or not.

Petrol bunk owners facing
Model Code of Conduct heat

Mysuru, May 9 (RKB&NNN)- The petrol bunk owners are facing the heat of Model Code of Conduct in force. Every day, the cash they carry home or to deposit in the banks are being checked by the election officials and this has resulted in a great deal of inconvenience both to the owners and the employees, said the owners of the Petrol Bunks, addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday.

The election officials are asking documents for the cash we have collected. They confiscate the money and question us for hours. As a result, the owners' and the employees' time are being wasted. Along with this, it is becoming difficult to carry out transactions in the bunk due to shortage of cash, said Federation of Petroleum Traders State President Basavegowda, expressing his displeasure.

Majority of customers pay us in small cash and we collect it and have to deposit it in the banks. How we can produce documents for such small transactions, he asked. Every day from a minimum of rupees one lakh cash to lakhs of rupees cash is collected in the petrol bunks. How can we conduct business, he wondered.

The members of the Federation have submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner in this regard requesting him not to stop Bunk owners and employees who are carrying such cash and allow them to deposit in the bank or carry it home. However, the officials quoting the Model Code of Conduct are expressing their helplessness, he said.

Federation General Secretary Ranjith Hegde, Secretary Manjesh Kumar, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Association's Patil and Lokesh were present.

Election watch

City Police Commissioner briefs Police personnel

Mysuru, May 9 (RK&NNN)- City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subramanyeswara Rao has directed the Probationary Police and other officials to take care to see that no untoward incidents occur during the Assembly polls on May 12.

Dr. A.S. Rao

Addressing a meeting including 36 Probationary DySPs, 300 Probationary SIs, higher officials and Sub-Inspectors of all the Police Stations in the City, at the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) auditorium, here yesterday, he asked them to make the election process a success by ensuring proper protection.

He warned the officers to be extra careful on the day of election and counting to see that no untoward incidents occur.

KPA Deputy Director Vamshi Krishna, DCPs N. Vishnuvardhana, Mahaninga B. Nandagavi and B.V. Kittur, ACPs Muralidhar, C. Gopal and Dharmappa were present at the meeting.

Liquor hoarding complaint turns false

Mysuru, May 9 (RK&NNN)- The Excise officials, on receiving a complaint that large quantity of liquor had been hoarded in the house of a Class one contractor for distribution to the voters, had to return empty handed.

The Election Office Control room in the Deputy Commissioner's Office received a complaint around 10 on Sunday night that liquor had been stored. Based on the complaint over the phone, Excise Inspector Revanth Kumar and Sub-Inspector Mujawat led a team of officials to the house of PWD Contractor H.S. Ramesh's house in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage and searched the house for nearly half-an-hour. However, they did not find any liquor in the house, said Inspector Revanth Kumar.

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Sleepy Mysore Airport abuzz with VVIPs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi being received by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at the Mysore Airport on the night of Feb. 18 as Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, BJP Ministers D.V. Sadananda Gowda and H.N. Ananth Kumar look on.

The Lalitha Mahal Helipad where the Indian Air Force (IAF) chopper, part of PM Modi's entourage, is seen landed. Due to the importance gained by Mysore Airport of late, this helipad seems to have been relegated to the second spot.

Mysuru, May 9 (RK&BCT)- The Mysore Airport at Mandakalli may not be one of the busiest mini airport in India but over the last three months, the airport has been handling air and chopper traffic to the maximum, thanks to the election season.

For political parties, Mysuru region (Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagaram, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu) has acquired special status and no political party is ready to lose votes here. This is why the region is seeing frequent visits of VVIPs and VIPs including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President Amit Shah, Congress President Rahul Gandhi and Mysuru's own Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

It may be mentioned here that all the three leaders — Modi, Shah and Rahul — have Z+ category security and Modi has an extra layer of security that is provided by the Special Protection Group (SPG) that has separate choppers and armoured vehicles.

All these leaders are using the Mysore Airport as a transit point and land their official planes, chartered planes and choppers here and proceed towards other destinations in the region including far-flung Shravanabelagola and Chamarajanagar.

As a result, the Airport has been busy over the last three months handling special VVIP flights day and night apart from the lone daily flight from Mysuru to Hyderabad via Chennai. This TruJet flight that began its daily operations on Sept. 20, 2017 has a 72-seat capacity. It arrives at the airport at 7.20 pm and departs at 7.50 pm to Chennai and from there, it proceeds towards Hyderabad. On an average, each trip has over 65 to 70 passengers and according to airport authorities, the response has been good.

RUSH SINCE FEBRUARY

Election dates in Karnataka were declared on Mar. 27 but the Mysore Airport has been witnessing VVIP traffic since the second week of February. It all started when Prime Minister Narendra Modi came in his special plane on a two-day visit on Feb. 18 and 19 where he inaugurated a slew of Railway projects and flew to Shravanabelagola in PM's chopper to participate in the Mahamastakabhisheka.

Along with Modi's plane, four more Indian Air Force (IAF) choppers (one for Modi for his short visits and three for his security personnel) had come to Mysuru and they had been accommodated at the Airport and also at Lalitha Mahal Helipad.

There was a break after Modi's visit and on Mar. 25, Congress President Rahul Gandhi visited Mysuru in a special flight on the third leg of his "Janashirvad Yatra." From Mysuru, Rahul used Mandakalli Airport to fly in a chopper to Mandya and Chamarajanagar.

Soon after the election schedule was announced on Mar. 27, BJP President Amit Shah visited Mysuru on a two-day visit and launched the "Karunada Jagruthi Yatra" on Mar. 30. His special flight landed at Mysore Airport on the night of Mar. 29. After a hectic schedule in Mysuru, Shah covered Kollegal, Srirangapatna, Mandya and Channapattana where he chose to fly in a chopper from the Mysore Airport.

Not to be left behind, JD(S) Supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and his son and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy visited the region and their chartered choppers too landed at Mysore Airport. Moreover, even Chief Minister Siddharamaiah used the airport at least five to six times for his chopper to land from Bengaluru and other places for him to visit Mysuru region and campaign.

Officials at the Airport told *Star of Mysore* that apart from political leaders visiting the city and using the airport, a couple of business leaders too visited Mysuru and their choppers landed at the airport.

LEADERS PREFER AIRPORT TO LAND

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, Shivakumar, Inspector of Airport Security, said that political leaders prefer the Mandakalli Airport as there is already a set security mechanism. If they want to land at Lalitha Mahal Helipad, special security has to be arranged. Moreover, the travel between Mandakalli Airport and Mysuru city is smoother as vehicles can move on the widened Nanjangud Highway instead of moving on the Lalitha Mahal Road that has heavy traffic and road dividers, he said.

If a VIP lands at the Mandakalli Airport, aspects like security, smooth landing and monitoring are taken care of. The airport compound too provides additional security.

"Perhaps in the history of the Mysore Airport, it is for the first time such heavy air traffic is witnessed and the airport has become a beehive of activity," Shivakumar added.

MORE SECURITY

The airport will also be a hub of activity after this election as in a few months, 2019 Parliamentary elections are due and the VVIP visits will be more as it is the battle for the Delhi crown. Realising the growing importance and the major role played by the Mysore Airport, the Airport Authority Committee has already recommended strengthening the Airport security with two Assistant Commissioner of Police-level officers and the required additional staff for the Airport.

Sources told *SOM* that earlier, Police officers and security personnel were reluctant to go to the Airport for security duty as except for one regular flight, that too in the night, there was no other activity. "They used to complain of boredom. But now, they are ready to go for Airport duty," sources added.

Echo of Writ Petition in High Court over gun license exemption to Kodavas

Petition aims to disturb harmony in Kodagu, alleges Kodava Samaja

Madikeri, May 9 (BCT) - The Madikeri Kodava Samaja has questioned the move behind filing a Writ Petition in the High Court questioning the exemption to Kodavas and Jamma land holders in Kodagu district from obtaining a license to possess firearms under Section 3 and 4 of Indian Arms Act, 1959.

In a press release, the Samaja has said that the petition has been filed at a time when different communities were leading a harmonious life in Kodagu and it attempts to divide the community. The Samaja has stated that it will take on the issue legally and give an appropriate answer to the petition in the High Court.

Captain (Retd.) Yaladalu K. Chethan, son of Yaladalu D. Keshavananda has filed a Writ Petition in the HC on Jan. 8, 2018 and the Court has posted the hearing after summer vacation.

In his petition (WP No. 1386/2018), Chethan, a resident of R.T. Nagar in Bengaluru, claimed that the continuation of the exemption, granted to some class of persons by the British government in pre-Independent India in furtherance of their divide-and-rule policy, was unconstitutional, as it was based on irrational, fictitious and discriminatory grounds, such as race and ancestral land tenure.

He claimed that the exemption granted to Jamma holders and for the members of Kodava race under Section 3 and 4 Indian Arms Act differentiates between communities living in a society and promotes disharmony.

The original petition (a Public Interest Litigation) was filed by Chethan in 2015 and the HC had disposed it and asked the petitioner to submit a representation on his grievance about exemption to the Union Home Ministry. On its part, the Ministry had told the Court that the exemption provided to Kodavas was as per law.

Mentioning this, the Samaja has questioned the petitioner's move to rake up the issue once again when the Union Home Ministry has stated that the exemption has been granted as per law. "The special privilege to own firearms without license was granted to Kodavas by the British in recognition of their martial traditions and the issue is over 200-years-old. What is the necessity of raking up the issue again **when it has been recognised that a gun is a part and parcel of Kodava religious ceremonies and festivals,**" the Samaja has asked.

The Samaja has alleged that Chethan, by filing the petition, has attempted to bring in a discord between Kodavas and Gowdas. The petition smacks of mischief to disturb the harmony between the communities. "Not only Kodavas, even Jamma land holders in Gowda community too enjoy the privilege of gun license exemption. We have not questioned this," the Samaja has stated.

"The exemption from gun license has not been granted to Kodavas as they demanded it. The British respected the tradition of Kodavas and in recognition of the unique race, the exemption had been granted and continued by successive governments. Chethan has filed the petition with an intention of playing with the emotions of Kodavas," the Samaja has stated.

The Samaja said that it will discuss the issue with other Kodava Samajas and take legal recourse. It has thanked different communities in Kodagu including Gowdas who have not supported Chethan for filing the writ petition.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Poll officials seize Rs. 2.95 lakh cash in KSRTC bus

Mysuru, May 9- Poll officials manning the check post at Kadakola coming under Chamundeshwari Constituency have seized Rs. 2.95 lakh cash, which was being transported in a KSRTC bus without any documents yesterday afternoon.

The cash was found by the woman Constable during the inspection of the bus which was proceeding from Mysuru through Harohalli yesterday afternoon, according to poll officials.

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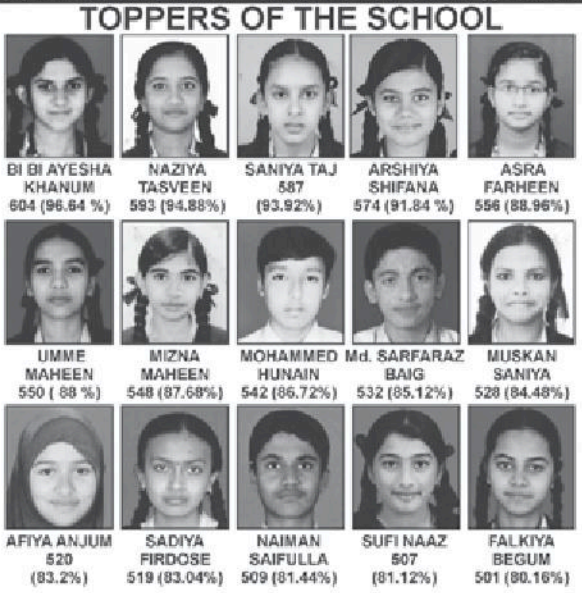
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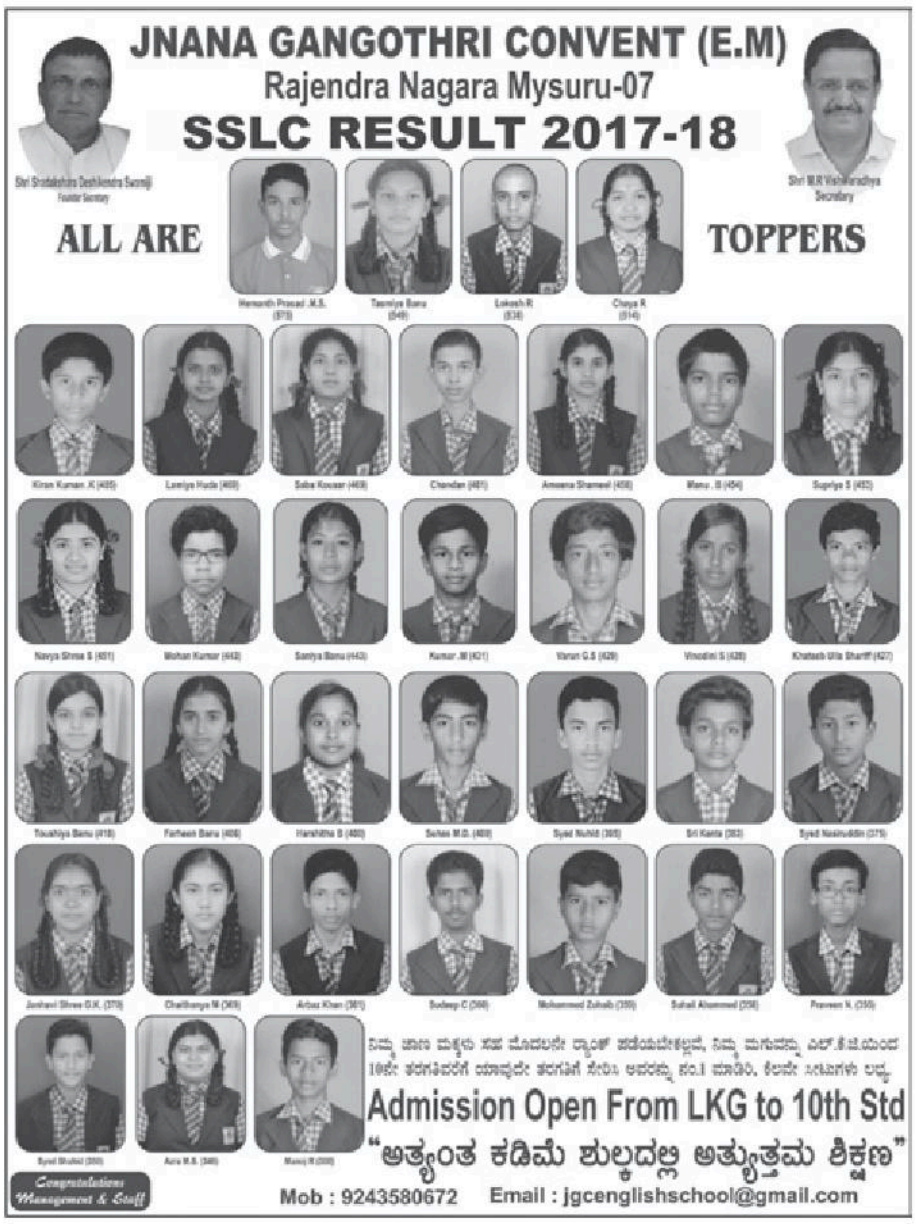

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By K.B. Ganapathy

Vindictive stigmatisation fails to politically eliminate S.A. Ramdas

With three days to go for the Karnataka Assembly elections, we voters in Mysuru city are facing the onslaught of candidates seeking support based on their promises which they never deliver. And we voters, left with no choice, keep voting not wanting NOTA. After all, let there be someone to represent us as an MLA so that at least in times of grave need we could beg him to help... No wonder, an english journalist has most eloquently declared that "Indians have votes but they are not represented." Looking at our city for the past 45 years, I am inclined to agree.

Now, of the three city Constituencies — Chamaraja, Narasimharaja (NR) and Krishnaraja (KR) — each one has been branded as belonging to a particular caste or religion. Chamaraja is Vokkaliga, NR Muslim and KR Brahmin. And believe me, the mainline political parties always fielded candidates on the caste and religious-line as mentioned above while others also contested. And winners, naturally, used to belong to the respective caste or religion.

The only two exceptions I could remember for this "tradition" are, one in NR when E. Maruthi Rao Pawar from BJP won by fluke (thanks to Azeez Sait not getting the Congress party symbol in time) and another in KR Constituency when a Lingayat H. Gangadharan won from BJP and in 2013 a Kuruba M.K. Somashekar won not by fluke but because of cut-throat rivalry among Brahmins. In the 2013 Assembly elections from KR Constituency the victim was the three-time BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas.

The evil days fell on him in that election mainly because of the split in the BJP where the former BJP Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa having quit the party on November 30th 2012, formed his own political party, Karnataka Janata Paksha (KJP) and fielded another Brahmin H.V. Rajeev, also a money bag like Ramdas. As a result, the Brahmin votes in this Brahmin majority Constituency got divided and the advantage went to Congress candidate Somashekar who won comfortably.

For this 12.5.2018 Assembly elections there was a keen competition between Ramdas and Rajeev for the BJP ticket following Rajeev joining the BJP along with B.S. Yeddyurappa. It was a cut-throat competition and its severity could be gauged from the fact that the candidature of Ramdas was announced at the last moment in the third list! Yeddyurappa, now being the President of Karnataka BJP and Rajeev, being his close supporter, thought he would get the ticket. On the other hand, Ramdas thought, being a **BJP loyalist,** who did not leave BJP and go along with Yeddyurappa in 2012, would be rewarded with BJP ticket this time also. And, of course, Ramdas was rewarded with the ticket.

It was understandable, the Rajeev group was disappointed and it was clear Rajeev would pick-up the gauntlets and contest, no matter which party. I had learnt that an effort was made by Rajeev to join JD(S) but H.D. Kumaraswamy turned it down — his party having already given the ticket to JD(S) Corporator K.V. Mallesh.

Of course, there was still scope to pull out Mallesh by submitting a 'C' form, but Kumaraswamy was firm in his stand. So Rajeev was left with no choice but to say goodbye to BJP and contest independently. However, he did not exercise this option. One thought this was some hope for Ramdas to win.

But no. A few anti-Ramdas groups surfaced to damage not only the Brahmins' votebank but also to ruin his image through character assassination. In fact, the same old scandalous "sting operation" was revived to besmirch his reputation so that BJP High Command may dump him as one with sullied public image. But the public of Mysuru was by then sufficiently educated about the games the frustrated or defeated politicians play.

Simultaneously, there appeared a legion of politicians, Ministers and MLAs, whose sexual escapades and profligate lives were exposed in TV, print and social media. In comparison, what we saw of Ramdas was a pale affair. I have seen on social media an old Minister in Siddharamaiah's Ministry fornicating! And yet he remained a Minister, the CM not willing to sack him. But I guess, as pressure mounted, he resigned. But now this man is given a Congress ticket to contest this elections !

In contrast, what was seen of Ramdas was a boring dialogue. Hurt by this exposure, he went into hibernation but soon came back to serve the KR Constituency through his voluntary organisation (NGO) known as ***Aasare (Refuge)*** set up even before he became an MLA in 2007. A beautiful name which I remember twice a year when I get the birthday and my wedding anniversary card from Ramdas sent through *Aasare Foundation!* I learn these cards go to a large number of members in his Constituency.

A good PR I thought. By the way, the credit for bringing Kabini water to KR Constituency in January 2013, just before 2013 May elections, should go to him. It may be remembered that before Kabini water came to this Constituency Ramdas under *Aasare* used to supply water in four Water Tankers daily in water-starved areas of KR Constituency.

Another humanitarian service I remember is providing shelter and care to 26 orphan children afflicted with HIV positive at a Home, aptly named *Amma Mane* in Srirampura and educating them. In one function I was a chief guest and I was moved.

It is said he who does not learn from the past mistakes is doomed to repeat them and perish. A divided house cannot stand so also a divided community cannot win.

Now that issues regarding Rajeev have been successfully negotiated, Ramdas should reach out to all those seniors who worked for him in the past including 2013 and get them involved in the present election campaign. This will certainly help in maximising the votes for him on May 12.

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Political debates, canvassing and advertisements banned in media

Mysuru, May 9 (US)- Deputy Commissioner and District Electoral Officer Abhiram G. Sankar, addressing a press meet at his office here yesterday, said that media carrying political debates, canvassing and advertisements will be banned from tomorrow till May 12.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the election candidates with not more than ten people can engage in door-to-door canvass during the said period. He added that Section 144 or prohibitory orders would be clamped in district from 6 pm tomorrow till 6 pm on May 12.

Continuing, the DC disclosed that over the last four days Rs. 16.74 lakh of unaccounted cash had been seized with the arrest of 51 people. He added that seven bikes, two four-wheelers and one autorickshaw have also been seized.

ZP CEO P. Shivashankar, SP Amit Singh and others were present at the press meet.

Free coaching for failed students

Mysuru, May 9 (US)- Genius College on Bannur Road has organised a month-long free coaching for students who have failed in II PUC (Commerce) and appearing for supplementary examination. The free coaching will cover solutions to previous question papers and model question papers. The coaching will be provided by experienced teachers.

Admission is open to limited number of students who should register their names by calling 8880007842 or 94832-78258.

Applications invited

Mysuru, May 9- Applications are invited from students who have appeared SSLC for admission to I PUC Science (PCMB and PCMC) at Morarji Desai PU Science College in Varakod in Mysuru taluk. The College offers free food, accommodation, books and uniforms.

The annual parental income of SC/ST students should be below Rs. 2.5 lakh and Rs. 1 lakh for backward class students.

Applications can be obtained from the office of the Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Adipampa Road, Paduvarahalli East, Mysuru. Filled in applications should be submitted before 5pm on May 15.

For details call 0821-2971228, 9108744647, 8618241104, 0821-2344661.

Decision on countermanding
RR Nagar polls after probe: EC

CEO Sanjiv Kumar

RR Nagar MLA Munirathna

Bengaluru, May 9- With BJP and JD(S) petitioning the Election Commission of India yesterday night to countermand the election in the Rajarajeshwari Nagar constituency in Bengaluru following the seizure of a huge number of voter ID cards and numbered counterfoils from an apartment in Jalahalli, Chief Electoral Officer Sanjiv Kumar, while promising firm action, said, "We cannot yet decide whether to countermand the polls in Rajarajeshwari Nagar. We'll know that only after the probe is completed." He added that the house belongs to a woman named Manjula Nanjamuri, who had rented it out.

The voter ID cards were among thousands more allegedly burnt by supporters of local Congress MLA Munirathna under which this area falls, when BJP and JD(S) workers descended on the place — #115, SLV Parkview Apartments in Sharadambha Nagar, Jalahalli.

Each bundle of voter ID cards was attached with a card bearing Munirathna's photo. The counterfoil strips were with serial numbers, considered "very serious". Each bundle bore a name and a mobile number, which is to be investigated.

The seizure followed much tension after BJP and JD(S) workers accused MLA Munirathna of creating mass fake voter ID cards. High drama prevailed at Sharadambha Nagar in Jalahalli when BJP and JD(S) workers raided the flat to unearth the alleged scam.

Yesterday morning, workers of both BJP and the JD(S) received information that fake ID cards were being created and that Congress workers had paid voters and got their original voter ID cards. Based on this information, the workers raided the flat in SLV Parkview Apartment in Sharadambha Nagar around noon. The flat allegedly belongs to the daughter of a local Congress women's wing leader.

They alleged that despite informing the Police about the incident after finding more than 15,000 fake and original voter ID cards, around 500 goons, alleged to be supporters of Munirathna, threatened them and took away more than 10,000 voter IDs, which were allegedly burnt to destroy evidence.

Police rushed to the spot, but were allegedly not ready to take a complaint, which led to a protest by BJP and JD(S) workers. Late in the night, Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka Sanjiv Kumar, Police Commissioner T. Suneel Kumar and other senior officers rushed to the spot. A case was registered in Jalahalli Police Station in this regard and BJP has also filed a complaint with the Election Commission.

Sanjiv Kumar told reporters that more than 9,000 IDs were found in two trunks in the flat, which have been seized. "We will conduct a probe into the matter and take action based on the findings."

BJP leader and Union Minister D V Sadananda Gowda said, "I have never seen such irregularities in my career. The Election Commission should take the issue seriously. How can more than 20,000 voter ID cards be found in private place? Five laptops, printers, thousands of Form 6 acknowledgements were found. Congress candidate Munirathna cannot run democracy at his will," he alleged.

B.Y. Vijayendra campaigns at Srirangapatna

Srirangapatna, May 9 (US)- State BJP Yuva Morcha General Secretary B.Y. Vijayendra campaigned for BJP candidate K.S. Nanjundegowda in villages of the taluk yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijayendra said that Nanjundegowda was a farmer leader and contended that electing a person from farming background would help to fight for the cause of farmers and added that the BJP was very confident to open its account in Mandya district.

State BJP Secretary Tejaswini Gowda, ST Morcha General Secretary M. Appanna, District BJP President Naganna Gowda and others were present.

K.V. MALLESH SEEKS VOTES IN ASHOKAPURAM: ***JD(S) candidate from Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency and Corporator K.V. Mallesh, undertook door-to-door campaigning yesterday, sought votes from the residents.***

BJP is never for change of Constitution: Sreenivasa Prasad

Mysuru, May 9 (MTY&DM)- Asserting that the BJP has nowhere said that it was for change of Constitution, senior BJP leader and former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad has lashed out against writers and intellects who have launched a malicious campaign against the BJP in the run up to the assembly polls.

Addressing a press meet at a Private Hotel yesterday, Prasad maintained that the Constitution can be only reviewed in accordance with the times, but can never be re-written.

Lashing out at some intellects and writers for blindly supporting the Congress, which is in fact anti-Dalit, he accused Minister Siddharamaiah of doing little for Dalits, while making false tall claims on Dalit upliftment.

Accusing some Dalit organisations of extortion, he said that the names of most of Dalit organisations remained only on letter heads and these letter heads were used for fleecing and malicious intentions.

Hitting out at the DSS for not taking up the real issues haunting the Dalits, Prasad said that his main aim right now is to ensure the defeat of CM Siddharamaiah in Chamundeshwari Constituency.

Bogadi Christian voters' names missing from list

Mysuru, May 9 (PM&NNN)- The names of more than 200 voters belonging to Christian community at Bogadi coming under Chamundeshwari Constituency limits are missing from the voters' list, alleged the leaders of the community.

Addressing a press conference at the Pathrakartara Bhavan, this morning one of the leaders Sandesh Joseph D'Souza said that Christian priests, nuns and others in the community have been voting in the elections since the last 36 years. However, this is the first time that a majority of their names have been missing from the voters list.

When the matter was brought to the notice of the Gram Panchayat officials, they brushed aside the issue and did not respond to their plea. The Bogadi Carmelite chief called the Village Accountant Kumar and he replied in a rude manner, he charged and added that when they applied under RTI (Right to Information) seeking the reasons for the names missing from the voters list, they had not received a reply.

"We have the right to cast our franchise and no one can take away that right from us. The Election Commission of India has to view this issue seriously, step in and take immediate action against the persons responsible for this serious lapse and see that we are given an opportunity to vote in the elections on May 12," said D'Souza.

Sister Salina urged the Chief Electoral Officer to see that they are not deprived of the opportunity to vote. Others present at the press meet were Sister Veena and Sister Anila.

'Voters should ask questions to candidates during campaign'

Mysuru, May 9 (US&PM)- "Voters should ask plenty of questions to candidates during election campaigning instead of remaining silent" asserted Sridhar, Member of Federation of Mysore City Corporation Wards Parliament.

He was addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan this morning.

Sridhar pointed out that burning issues like cleanliness, waste treatment plants, housing, tourism, heritage structures, water distribution, environment protection, women empowerment, transport problems and so on were plaguing the city and society.

He hence asked the voters to question the candidates who come for election campaigning about the remedial measures for the issues. He regretted that voters' silence would just allow the burning issues to go dormant and resurface again. He averred that an awareness in that angle was equally vital for a voter.

Federation members K.B. Basavegowda, Nagaraj, Naghabhushan, Kempalingaiah, Mangala and others were present at the press meet.

An evening with auspicious instruments

By Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, arranged two concerts of one-and-a-half hours each on the 28th last month. The first one was a nadaswaram concert by two brothers from Mysuru — **Rajesh and Manju.**

They were accompanied by **Puneet** and **Madeva** on Tavil and **Shashank** extended tala support to the concert. This concert and the next, a clarinet recital by **Mohan,** had two messages to convey — Instruments like Nadaswaram which are reduced to playing only for occasions like family weddings or at temples should be given a concert platform, wherein the artistes gratefully exhibit their talent and secondly, local artistes should be given opportunities by reputed local music organisations.

The very tone of Nadaswaram brings a feeling of jollity, auspiciousness and excitement. A traditional classical instrument, Nadaswaram is a double reed wind instrument played in the south part of India. Normally played in pairs, this auspicious instrument has a range of two and a half octaves.

Tiruvavadu durai Rajaratnam Pillai, Sheik Chinna Moulana and Bangalore Ramadasappa are some of the greatest nadaswaramists of South India.

The brothers offered many compositions in the allotted time — to mention a few, 'Bhaja Manasa Vighneshwaram' by Tullasivanam, a rarely heard kriti, 'Padhavi nee' in Salaga Bhairavi by Tyagaraja and 'Ninne Nammitinayya' by Mysore Vasudevachar in Simhendra Madhyama set to Mishra Chapu tala, which was taken as the main item of the evening.

Brothers from Mysuru — Rajesh and Manju — presenting Nadaswara recital at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha in city recently. They are accompanied by Puneet and Madeva on Tavil.

Mohan is seen presenting clarinet recital. He is accompanied by Radhesha on mridanga, V.S. Ramesh on ghata and C.N. Tyagarajan on violin.

The raga was detailed by the elder of the two and the composition was decorated with a neraval and swaras at the usual 'Pannagendra Shayana', wherein the younger artiste faltered a couple of times.

A mention must be made of the way in which this tala is to be indicated. The name 'Chapu' meaning stamping is derived from the post office wherein stamping is done with sound. And therefore it is meaningful to indicate this tala with the 'Ghata' for all the three times for the first, fourth and sixth beats. While it is common to see many musicians indicating this tala with the first beat with the palm upward, the brothers indicated this tala with the sixth beat upward, which is not permissible. A very energetic taniyavartanam followed by Puneet and Madeva.

'Samanyavalla Shri Hariya seve' in Charukeshi is a pleasing devaranama and it was good to see that the brothers prefixed it with a delightful alapana. The concert came to a close with Lalgudi Jayaraman's tillana.

The second concert was by the well-known clarinet artiste of the city Mohan. He was accompanied by **C.N. Tyagarajan** on violin, **Radhesha** on mridanga and **V.S. Ramesh** on ghata.

It was heartening to see all top local artistes performing together on stage.

Clarinet is a western instrument with a single reed mouthpiece and a good pitch range. While it is not easy to adapt a western instrument for Karnatak music, Mohan has successfully practiced this instrument with dedication and commitment producing pure classical music.

Mohan had chosen quite a few compositions for the concert. The opening number 'Siddhi Vinayakam Anisham' in Shanmukha Priya by Deekshitar offered obeisance to Lord Ganapati with swaras developed for the pallavi.

'Nannu Brochutaku' by Mysuru Vasudevachar in Shankarabharana is a composition rarely sung or played. The chitteswara shows the influence of western music on Acharya. Mohan and his team provided liveliness to the composition. 'Appa rama Bhakti yento' by Tyagaraja in Kamavardhini in Rupaka tala was a good contrast to the next main item in Hemavati.

The alapana of Hemavati was delivered with impressive phrases and brigas made for the instrument. Tyagarajan's version of the raga was equally absorbing.

Another majestic composition of Deekshitar 'Shreekantimatim Shankara Yuvatim' in vilamba Adi was presented with the pace and refinement it requires. Mohan reached the Ati tara shadja note in this and the previous Alapanas. Shruti was atune and serene throughout the concert. Radhesha and Ramesh gave adequate support to the concert. Both these concerts concluded with a Lalgudi tillana.

Felicitation marks anniversary celebrations of Music School

Mysuru, May 9- The 28th anniversary celebrations of city-based 'Swaralaya Music School' was held at Ganabharati (Veene Seshanna Bhavan) on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempuanagar recently.

Noted Music Director Vid. Ganesh Bhat inaugurated the programme. Speaking on the occasion, he said that music was divine and lauded the contribution of Saint Purandaradasa in the spread of Karnataka music in the country.

Music teacher Dr. Geetha was the chief guest. Suma Harinath, President, Swaralaya Music School, presided over the programme.

Vidu. Kavita Kamath, famous light music singer of Mysuru, was awarded the title of 'Gana Kala Sindhoori' and well-known dancer and founder of Sharada Performing Arts Centre, Chamarajanagar, Vid. Mahesh was awarded the title of 'Nartana Chatura.' H.S. Srikanthamani, Secretary of the Institution, compered.

Vid. Mahesh and Vidu. Kavita Kamath, who were conferred with 'Nartana Chatura' and 'Gana Kala Sindhoori' titles respectively during the 28th anniversary celebrations of Swaralaya Music School, Mysuru, at Ganabharathi (Veene Seshanna Bhavan), are seen with the office-bearers of Swaralaya.

Voters' awareness through Kabaddi

ZP CEO and SVEEP Committee Chairman P. Shivashankar launching the Tournament by participating as a member of Yelwal GP team and trying to trap an opponent saying Kabaddi, Kabaddi... Picture right shows participating teams in action.

Mysuru, May 9 (PM&US)- Giving a sportive touch to the ongoing awareness campaign on voting, Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Committee, together with Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Taluk Panchayat (TP), and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), had organised a Kabaddi Tournament for male employees of Gram Panchayats (GPs) of the taluk at Chamundi Vihar Stadium here yesterday.

The first match was line up between Yelwal and DMG Halli (Dodda Mara Gowdana Halli) GP teams.

ZP CEO and SVEEP Committee Chairman P. Shivashankar launched the Tournament in a unique way by participating as a member of Yelwal GP team and trying to trap an opponent saying Kabaddi, Kabaddi...

Speaking earlier to that, Shivashankar said that the desi game of Kabaddi, was the right choice to enthuse the people to vote thus exposing the importance of voting in democracy.

He further said that the Kabaddi game was an excellent example of joint effort to win a situation. He sought the best percentage of votes from rural areas also.

GP teams of Siddalingapura (A and B), Yelwal, Koorgalli, Belavadi, DMG Halli, Mellahalli-Harohalli and Jayapura-Harohalli participated in the Tourney.

Siddalingapura-A team won the tourney defeating Belavadi. The third and fourth places were won by Siddalingapura-B and Koorgalli teams respectively.

DYES Assistant Director K. Suresh distributed the prizes to the winning teams.

Directorate of Field Publicity, Mysuru Region Assistant Director T.C. Poornima, TP Executive Officer Lingarajaiah and others were present.

69th Junior National Basketball Championship

Punjab men and women dominate on day one

Ludhiana, May 9- Hosts Punjab began their campaign in the boys and girls section with wins on the opening day of the 69th National Basketball Championships which got underway at the Ludhiana Basketball Academy, Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana, yesterday.

Tamil Nadu girls and Punjab boys teams are the defending champions from the previous version of the event.

Punjab boys in their Group 'A' fixture beat UP 107-49, while Tamil Nadu got the better of Chandigarh 91-69. Karnataka boys scored a 68-55 win over Andhra Pradesh and began their campaign with a win.

Karnataka girls also began their campaign with a win by registering a 42-35 triumph over Madhya Pradesh.

RESULTS

BOYS

Group A: TN (Santhosh 17 pts, Arvind 15 pts, Surya 15 pts) bt Chandigarh (Rahul 27 pts, Kawaljit 12 pts) 91-69 [29-09, 20-26, 27-18, 15-16]; Punjab (Princepal 32pts) bt UP (Priyanshu 14pts) 107-49[30-11, 30-16, 31-09, 13-16].

Group B: Kerala (Shanazil 25 pts, Chacko 22 pts, Sejin 18 pts) bt MP(Udayveer 34 pts, Aman 17 pts) 103-86 [27-08, 21-22, 26-23, 29-33]; Rajasthan (Rajeev 34 pts, Sumeet 12 pts) bt Delhi (Aditya 23 pts, Nitish 24 pts) 89-88 [22-29, 23-16, 20-17, 24-26].

Group C: Telangana (Vigneshwar 29 pts, Dinesh 20 pts) bt Puducherry (Sathyavanan 32 pts, Sai surga 10 pts) 94-58 [34-13, 24-19, 15-08, 21-18].

Group D: Uttarakhand (Riyanshu 22 pts) bt Odisha (Sarat 21 pts) 86-50 [17-15, 30-12, 20-07, 19-16].

Group E: Assam (Sanjyapal 18 pts) bt Jharkhand (Sumit 19 pts) 53-51 [15-06, 09-12, 15-17, 14-16]; Chhattisgarh (Salim 36 pts, Rishabh 15 pts) bt Bihar (Raunak 14 pts, Dharmendra 12 pts) 74-52 [16-13, 21-06, 15-17, 22-16]; Gujarat (Dvij 14 pts) bt Nagaland (kevin 10 pts) 64-24 [08-10, 16-06, 22-00, 18-08].

Group F: Mizoram (Zonun Sanga 19 pts, Ronald 25 pts) bt WB (Pranay 25 pts) 67-60 [21-18, 19-11, 13-16, 14-15]; Karnataka (Pratyanshu 28 pts) bt AP (Manikanta 12 pts) 68-55 [12-20, 20-15, 14-08, 22-12].

WOMEN

Group A: Karnataka (Sanjana 20 pts) bt MP (Asmat 12 pts) 42-35 [16-05, 12-06, 6-8, 8-16]; TN (Dharshini 16 pts, Avani 16 pts) bt Gujarat (Tavleen 16 pts) 71-46 [22-08, 22-10, 11-08, 16-20].

Group B: UP (Vaishnavi 57 pts, Harshita 19 pts) bt Maharashtra (Suzanne

17 pts, Neha 13 pts) 91-83 [22-26, 25-13, 23-18, 21-26]; Punjab (Sakshi 17 pts, Priyanka 13 pts) bt Rajasthan (Ishika 27 pts) 74-56 [25-20, 21-17, 14-17, 14-08].

Group C: Delhi (Manisha 10 pts) bt Goa (S. Nathan 08 pts) 36-16 [16-01,

08-04, 05-09, 07-02]

Group D: Haryana (Heenu 16 pts, Rishy 11 pts) bt Bihar 49-10 [16-02, 19-03, 12-03, 02-02].

Group E: Chandigarh (Gunisha 06 pts, Simran 04 pts) bt Assam 27-05 [13-02, 5-2, 9-1, 0-0].

Group F: Odisha (Pragati 18 pts, Lipramayee 18 pts) bt AP (Prameela 8

pts) 57-41 [19-08, 10-10, 14-07, 14-16]; Telangana (Arya 16 pts, Sudheshna 12 pts) bt Uttarakhand (Saloni 06 pts) 62-24[9-10, 10-02, 20-00, 22-12].

Rajasthan Royals score exciting win over Kings XI Punjab

Jaipur, May 9- Rajasthan Royals (RR) lived to fight another day with a 15-run win over Kings XI Punjab (KXIP) as K.L. Rahul's unbeaten 95, coming amidst a surprise batting meltdown, went in vain in the Indian Premier League (IPL) last night.

Opting to bat in this must-win game, Rajasthan Royals could only muster 158 for eight despite Jos Buttler's blazing 58-ball 82 at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium.

The home team, however, staged a strong fightback with the ball as it restricted Kings XI Punjab to 143 for seven in the stipulated 20 overs.

Languishing at the bottom of the table prior to this game, RR have now moved to the sixth place, while KXIP remained in the third position.

Jos Buttler was chosen as the 'Player of the Match.'

IPL Season-11

Today's Match

KKR Vs **MI**

Eden Gardens, Kolkata, **8 pm**

Tomorrow's Match

DD Vs **SRH**

Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium, Delhi, **8 pm**

Yesterday's Result

RR 158/8 (20 overs) beat **KXIP** 143/7 (20 overs)

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[Source: www.iplt20.com]

Last minute canvassing to woo voters

With public canvassing coming to an end tomorrow at 6 pm, candidates of various parties including independent candidates are undertaking last minute campaigning in their respective Constituencies

CM bats for Vasu in Chamaraja: Chief Minister Siddharamaiah today batted for Chamaraja Congress candidate and incumbent MLA Vasu during the public campaigning held at Congress Bhavan premises near City Railway Station this morning. Addressing the gathering, the CM said that there was Congress wave everywhere and added that the people of the State would not change for PM Modi's talks. Vasu, who also spoke, said that he had undertaken a lot of development works in the Constituency which the people know and expressed confidence that the people of his Constituency would vote him back to power. AICC Secretary and Mysuru Region Congress in-charge P.C. Vishnunath, KPCC Vice-President Athmananda, AICC Mysuru District Election Observer and MP M.K. Raghavan and others were present.

Prof. Rangappa calls on Bishop: Chamaraja JD(S) candidate Prof. K.S. Rangappa, who took out a *padayatra* in the Constituency, called on Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Fr. K.A. William at the Bishop House and presented him a flower bouquet recently.

Sandesh Swamy campaigns at Jalapuri: Narasimharaja Constituency BJP candidate and former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, who undertook hectic campaigning in the Constituency yesterday, visited Jalapuri along with his supports and sought votes from the residents.

K. Harish Gowda seeks votes on Irwin Road: Chamaraja Constituency Independent candidate K. Harish Gowda took out a Road Show on Irwin Road in the Constituency this morning.

L. Nagendra takes out padayatra in Vinayakanagar: BJP candidate from Chamaraja Constituency L. Nagendra, accompanied by former IAS officer K. Shivaram, Corporator Snake Shyam, BJP leader K. Madesh and others, took out a *padayatra* in Vinayakanagar (Paduvarahalli) in the Constituency last evening seeking votes.

Women power for G.T. Devegowda: Chamundeshwari JD(S) candidate and incumbent MLA G.T. Devegowda's wife K. Lalitha, along with JD(S) Women Wing General Secretary Vinutha and other women activists of the party, seen campaigning for G.T. Devegowda at one of the localities in the Constituency yesterday.

Tanveer Sait seeks votes at Gayathripuram: Congress Candidate from Narasimharaja Constituency and incumbent MLA Tanveer Sait, who took out a *padayatra* at Gayathripuram in the Constituency along with his supporters, sought votes from the residents last evening.

Abdul Majeed conducts door-to-door campaigning: Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) candidate from Narasimharaja Constituency Abdul Majeed, along with party workers and supporters, seen going door-to-door and seeking votes at one of the localities in the Constituency this morning.

Constitution will be tested if BJP comes to power in State: Jignesh Mevani

Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani lighting the candle at the valedictory of 'Save Constitution' organised at Kunchitigara Sangha premises on Dewan's Road yesterday as actor Prakash Rai, veteran politician A.K. Subbaiah and others look on.

Mysuru, May 9 (SPN&NNN)- The BJP has captured power in 21 States in the country on its own merit. If it comes to power in Karnataka too, then it will have an effect on our ideals, thinking and the idea of Constitution, said Gujarat's Vadgam constituency MLA Jignesh Mevani.

He was addressing at the valedictory of 'Save Constitution' organised at the Kunchitigara Sangha premises on Dewan's Road here yesterday and said that since the last 78 days people have been educated about the Constitution framed by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in 28 districts in the State. It is but inevitable to defeat BJP in 2018 elections in the State. Otherwise the idea of Union Ministers Anant Kumar Hegde and RSS Leaders to change the Constitution will be a cause for concern for all of us, he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP National President Amit Shah, who speak about the welfare of Dalits, have not announced a single plan for their upliftment. What action has Modi taken against the likes of Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and others who have swindled banks to the tune of crores of rupees and escaped from the country, he asked.

Pointer to 2019 General Election: The May 12 Assembly elections in Karnataka is a pointer to the General Elections next year and hence, it has become one of the most crucial elections in the country. Now, the time has come for the voters in the State to fight the anti-Constitution and communal forces. People who believe in secular ideology must see that the votes are not divided, he said.

Only Congress is supporting: Multi-lingual actor Prakash Rai said that the 'Save Constitution' campaign carried out throughout the State in the last 78 days has been supported only by the Congress part and neither the BJP nor JD(S) has supported our cause. Hence, the voters should see that a hung Assembly is not formed. He also expressed the confidence that BJP will not come to power.

Progressive thinker G. Mallesh, veteran politician A.K. Subbaiah, Munawar Saab, Ashok and others were present.

Caste is not a criterion to become Chief Minister: Prakash Rai

Mysuru, May 9 (YDS&NNN)- Caste should not be a criterion for someone to become the Chief Minister. Only those who are eligible, deserving and hard working should be made the Chief Minister and not a person belonging to a particular caste or community, said multi-lingual actor Prakash Rai.

He was reacting to a question on Dalit Chief Minister at an interaction organised at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday and said only those who take responsibility for their actions and work hard in the interest of the State and nation must become Chief Ministers and Prime Minister.

"I will support any person be it Dalit, Hindu or anybody else who works, for the Chief Minister's post and I will not support anyone on the basis of caste," he said.

As a few leaders are talking about changing the Constitution, there is a huge concern if BJP comes to power. Also everyone should think what the situation in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat where the BJP is in power is and then cast their votes. The BJP leaders have the word communal on their lips, he alleged.

If BJP comes to power in the State then they will not allow B.S. Yeddyurappa to continue as Chief Minister for long. He will just be rubber stamp and in the Assembly, the Reddy brothers will rule the roost and Anant Kumar Hegde's plan of changing the Constitution will be discussed.

Along with this, Karnataka will be a home stay for Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and party President Amit Shah, he said. The May 12 Assembly elections in the State is a very crucial election for the country and people can vote for Congress, JD(S) or any other party, except the BJP and this is my personal opinion, he said.

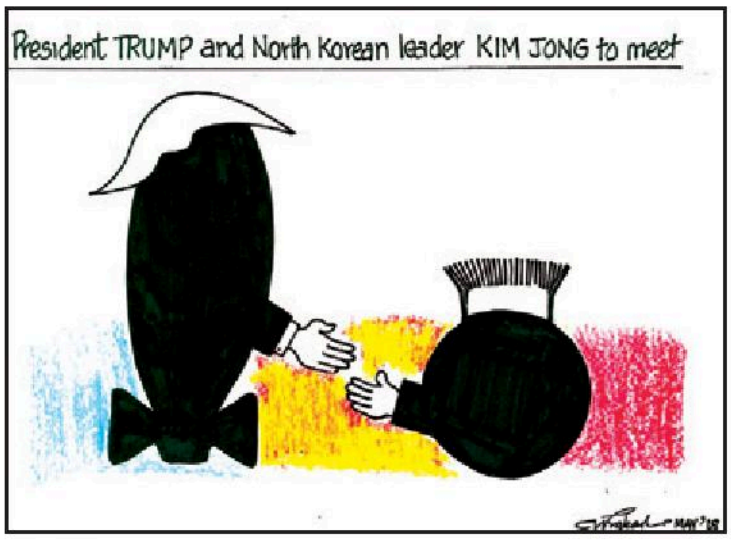
Neither the Congress nor the BJP has done anything big for the country. Even the Congress had declared Emergency. However, when compared to the mistakes and bungling of the Congress in the last 65 years, the BJP's misrule in the last four years is causing concern for us, he said and added that this is because it is planning to change the Constitution.

In the light of this concern, 'Just Asking' Movement has been launched. Hundreds of students and theatre artistes have joined hands in this Movement. "I do not have any personal problems. But I have started this Movement in the interest of the nation," he said.

"Mine is not anger but resentment. I am not a Chowkidar (security guard). However, if BJP is the Chowkidar then we have to be Chowkidars watching them. I have spoken truthfully. But the BJP has indulged in my character assassination but not spoken about ideologies. Hence, this is not a game of cricket nor is it a debate to be won. Think before you vote and your vote will make a difference for the next five years and will decide the future of the country," he said.

'Save Constitution' Convenor K.L. Ashok and DSS Convenor Shivakumar were present during the press meet.

TEASER By N. Prakash



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Kichchu	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	1 Show
Dhwaja	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
Hebbet Ramakka	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Kaanorayana	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Gultoo	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
HINDI			
Lazy Lamhe	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Omertà	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Tishnagi	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Avengers: Infinity War	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
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Bharat Ane Nenu	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
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Avengers: Infinity War (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Kichchu (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Iruttu Araiyil Murattu Kuththu (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
102 Not Out (H)	(S-2)	3.30 pm, 5.40 pm 7.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Bhootayyana Mommaga Ayyu (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Dhwaja (K)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Chanakya Thanthram (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India (Te)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1.15 pm 6.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Omertà (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

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Avengers: Infinity War (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 12.50 pm, 3.50 pm 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Avengers: Infinity War (2D-E)	(S-3)	5.55 pm, 9.00 pm
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India (Te)	(S-2)	9.35 am, 3.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	12.15 pm
102 Not Out (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Bhootayyana Mommaga Ayyu (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm
Kichchu (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Omertà (Hinglish)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-4)	6.25 pm
Iruttu Araiyil Murattu Kuththu (Ta)	(S-4)	11.00 am

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Woh Apna Sa	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Mein Saanjh, Piyaji	7:00 pm Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
7:30 Kaleerein	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:30 Mere Sai
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mehek	8:00 Har Shaakh Pe Ullu Baithaa Hai	8:10 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:30 Piyaa Albela	8:30 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala	8:40 Porus
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:30 Kundali Bhagya		10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
10:00 Ishq Subhan Allah		
4:30 pm Food Factory	4:30 pm Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	5:00 pm Street Genius
5:00 Man Vs. Wild	5:00 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	5:30 Street Genius
6:00 Fail Army	5:30 Game Plan 2018 IPL	6:00 Primal Survivor
6:30 Food Factory	6:00 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	7:00 Airport Security: Colombia
7:00 Wild Frank	6:30 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls	8:00 Combat Zone
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	7:00 Kent Cricket IPL 2018 Pre Show	9:00 Genius: Picasso
9:00 Wild Frank	7:50 Vivo IPL 2018 Live	10:00 Battle Of The Beasts
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	11:15 Kent Cricket Ipl 2018 Post Show	11:00 Unpublished
6:30 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches	7:00 pm Gouri	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:30 Roll No. 21	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jani	7:30 Avalu
9:00 Roll No. 21	8:00 Ayalathe Sundari	8:00 Brahamhastra
10:00 Ben 10	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:30 Nandini
11:00 Dragon Ball Super	9:00 Nandhini	9:00 Jeeva Nadi
11:30 Teleshopping	9:30 Sree Bhadrakali	9:30 Manasa Sarovara
	10:00 Kadhakalkkappuram	10:00 Kanmani

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:26 pm **Real Steel**	5:02 pm **Rango**	5:10 pm **The One**
7:04 **The Boss Baby**	6:59 **Eraser**	6:40 **Fantastic Beasts & Where To Find Them**
8:59 **Men In Black II**	9:00 **The Lego Batman Movie**	8:58 **Armour Of God**
10:49 **Independence Day**	11:02 **Ghostbusters**	
5:52 pm **Jamai Raja**	3:39 pm **Dhadkan**	3:00 pm **Mission Vande Mataram**
8:55 **Gopala Gopala**	6:43 **Nayaki**	8:00 **Fillum Baazi**
11:56 **Ek Ka Dum 1**	9:00 **Bruce Lee-The Fighter**	8:30 **Mardon Wali Baat**
	11:45 **Sher E Jigar**	
4:59 pm **Despicable Me**	4:00 pm **Muthanna**	4:39 pm **Singham Returns**
6:59 **Fast And Furious**	7:00 **Ugadi**	7:45 **Jai Ho**
9:16 **Child's Play 2**	10:00 **Super Aliya**	10:34 **Ragada**
10:59 **The 33**		

Staging of play *'Vali Vadhe'* in Bengaluru

This play was performed for a houseful auditorium in Mysuru too

Bengaluru, May 9- Shri Gajanana Yuvaka Mandala, Sheshagiri, Haveri, will be staging the play 'Vali Vadhe' at Chowdaiah Memorial Hall at 5.30 pm on May 19. Tickets are priced at Rs.249 and the proceedings of the show will be used to donate books to rural students.

The play, directed by M. Ganesh from Udupi (who was previously at Rangayana, Mysuru), was staged twice in Mysuru for a jam-packed auditorium during theatre festivals of Mysuru-based amateur theatre groups — 'Rangavalli Rangasambhrama' on Oct.7 and Niranthara Ranga Utsava on Dec.27 in 2017.

About the play: 'Vali Vadhe' is the story of two brothers, Vaali and Sugriva, as depicted in Kuvempu's Jnanapith award-winning epic, *Sri Ramayanadarshanam.*

This play combines various art forms with some brilliant dance and music, engaging both children and adults alike.

Was Sugreeva wrong in his act of taking over the kingdom in Vali's absence? Was Sugriva right in killing his brother Vali? Did Lord Rama really deliver justice by supporting Sugriva in this act?

To find answers to these questions, watch the play.

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 9)

Department of Physical Education (DPE), University of Mysore (UoM): Valedictory of 25th Annual Summer Coaching Camp - 2018, University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. J. Somashekar chief guest, Sports Pavilion, **4.30 pm.**

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Discourse on Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Rotary Mysore Midtown and Venus Egg Centre: Conferring of 'Rotary Mysore Midtown Venus Shramajeevi Award' on R. Murugesha (employee at MCC) and Ayub Ahmed (car driver), industrialist Shivakumar chief guest, RCL Hall, Rotary Centre, Opposite MUDA, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

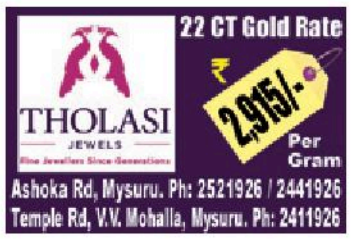
Rangayana: *Chinnara Natakotsava*, staging of plays *Chukkigaleshtu?*, *Granthayana* and *Srishti*, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 10)

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Discourse on Upanishad by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Eshwara Temple's Shankara Prarthana Mandira, V.V. Puram, **7 am;** Discourse on Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: *Chinnara Mela, Chinnara Santhe*, 'Okuliyaata,' Rangayana premises, **2.30 pm onwards.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Sapthashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**



Acting Mysore Varsity VC clarifies

Mysuru, May 9- Reacting to the news item titled "A VC for just 22 days!" that appeared in *Star of Mysore* dated May 3, 2018, the newly-appointed Acting Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Dr. Ningamma C. Betsur has clarified that she has been nominated as the Dean, Faculty of Education as per Section 21 of Karnataka State Universities Act 2000.

Dr. Ningamma C. Betsur

She has also said that she has been nominated as Acting VC as per Section 16 (2) which states, during the period when a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor remains unfulfilled the senior-most Dean available in the University, as the Chancellor may appoint, shall have all the powers and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Vice-Chancellor and to such emoluments and allowances as may be determined by the Chancellor in accordance with the Statues, if any framed in this behalf.

Our Correspondent states: Dr. Ningamma has stated that her appointment was made under Section 16 (2), which says that the senior most Dean shall be appointed as the In-charge Vice-Chancellor, which is technically correct, is, however, open to interpretation.

Now, to be considered as a regular Vice-Chancellor, ten years' experience as a Professor is an essential requirement. Hence, if the person, even if he or she is the senior most Dean and happens to be an Associate Professor, when it comes to applying for the post of the Vice-Chancellor, he or she becomes ineligible to apply.

However, since Section 16(2) does not specifically say that the Dean who is an Associate Professor cannot be made the Vice-Chancellor, it is inferred that such a person cannot be considered eligible to serve as In-Charge Vice-Chancellor, **especially when there are Professors who are there as Deans with more than 10 years of experience.**

Regarding the statement of the present Acting Vice-Chancellor that only full-time Professors with ten years of teaching experience are eligible to be the Deans and by virtue of their seniority will occupy the post of Vice-Chancellor, when the permanent VC has not been appointed, it is wrong and we stand corrected. It should have read "Only full-time Professors with ten years of teaching experience are eligible to be the Vice-Chancellors" and not as stated.

We also stand corrected in saying that the Department of Education is a mono department. There are two departments under this faculty and they are Department of Education and Physical Education Department. However, there is a mono department in the University of Mysore and it is the Department of Law.

Editor's Note: The Education Department has been without a Professor for more than two years. Hence, the University appointed the next senior most Associate Professor as the Dean of Faculty of Education and she is Ningamma Betsur. Her term as Dean ends on May 26 and along with that her tenure as the Acting Vice-Chancellor.

The University of Mysore, unfortunately like many other Universities in the State, is functioning without a full-time Vice-Chancellor for a long time and hence all such problems arise.

SC raps Centre for not framing Cauvery scheme

Asks Secretary, Union Ministry for Water Resources, to appear before it on May 14 with the draft

New Delhi, May 9 - Ticking off the Centre that it was in "sheer contempt" of Court by not acting on its ruling on the Cauvery river water matter, the Supreme Court (SC) yesterday directed the Secretary, Union Ministry for Water Resources, to appear before it on May 14 with the draft of the Cauvery Management Scheme drawn up by the Government.

"By now, the authority should have framed the scheme. It can't go on like this. What you have done is sheer contempt," a three-Judge Bench of Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra and Justices A.M. Khanwilkar and D.Y. Chandrachud told Attorney General K.K. Venugopal when he sought more time, on behalf of the Centre, to finalise the draft scheme.

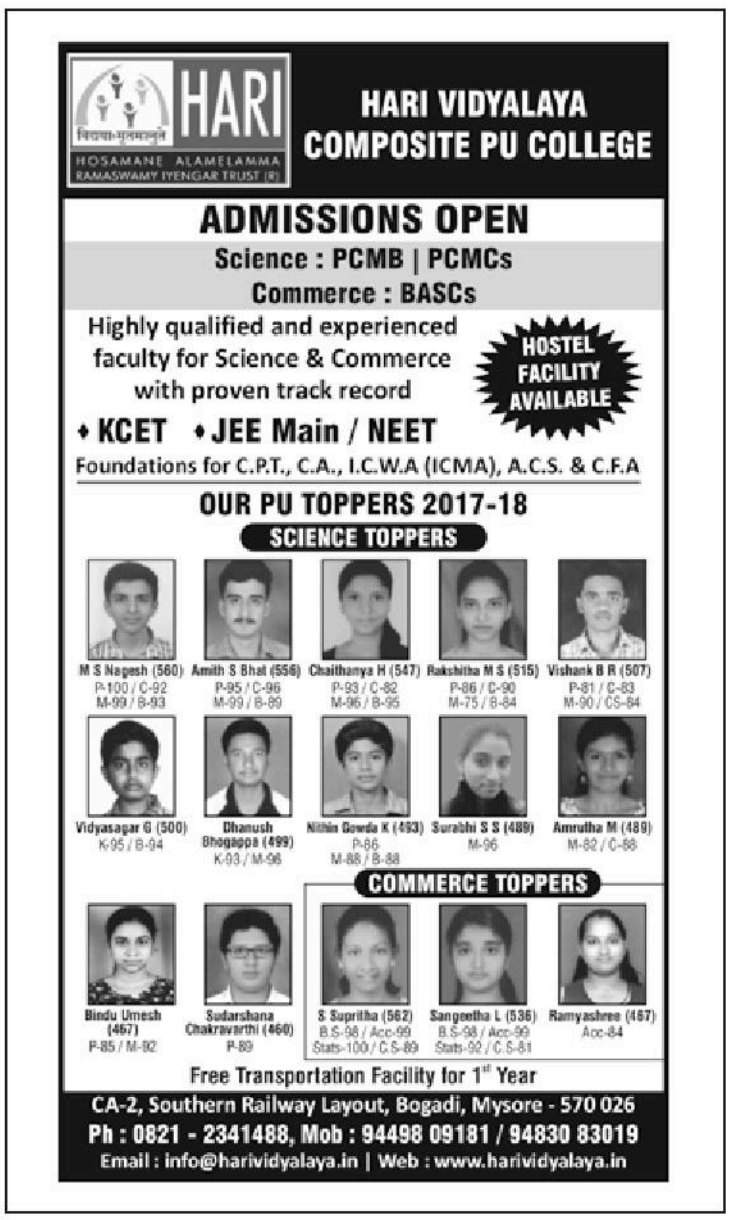
In its Feb.16 verdict, the SC had asked the Centre to frame the Cauvery Management Scheme, which also includes creating the Cauvery Management Board, within six weeks for smooth release of water from Karnataka to TN, Kerala and Puducherry. It had said the deadline could not be extended.

"We do not want to come back to square one. Once the judgment has been delivered, it has to be implemented," the Bench said as the Centre sought more time to implement the order.

The CJI pointed out that there were drinking water problems that needed to be addressed and told the Attorney General "you can't abdicate your obligation... It's your duty to implement the scheme."

Senior advocate Shekhar Naphade, appearing for the TN, told the Bench that "we have been taken for a ride by the Centre on one pretext or another."

Venugopal said the draft was before the Cabinet but had not been ratified yet as the Prime Minister and others were busy with the Karnataka Assembly elections. The issue was a very sensitive one and had even led to riots in the past, Venugopal said, adding that this was one reason why the Centre had sought time to implement it after the elections.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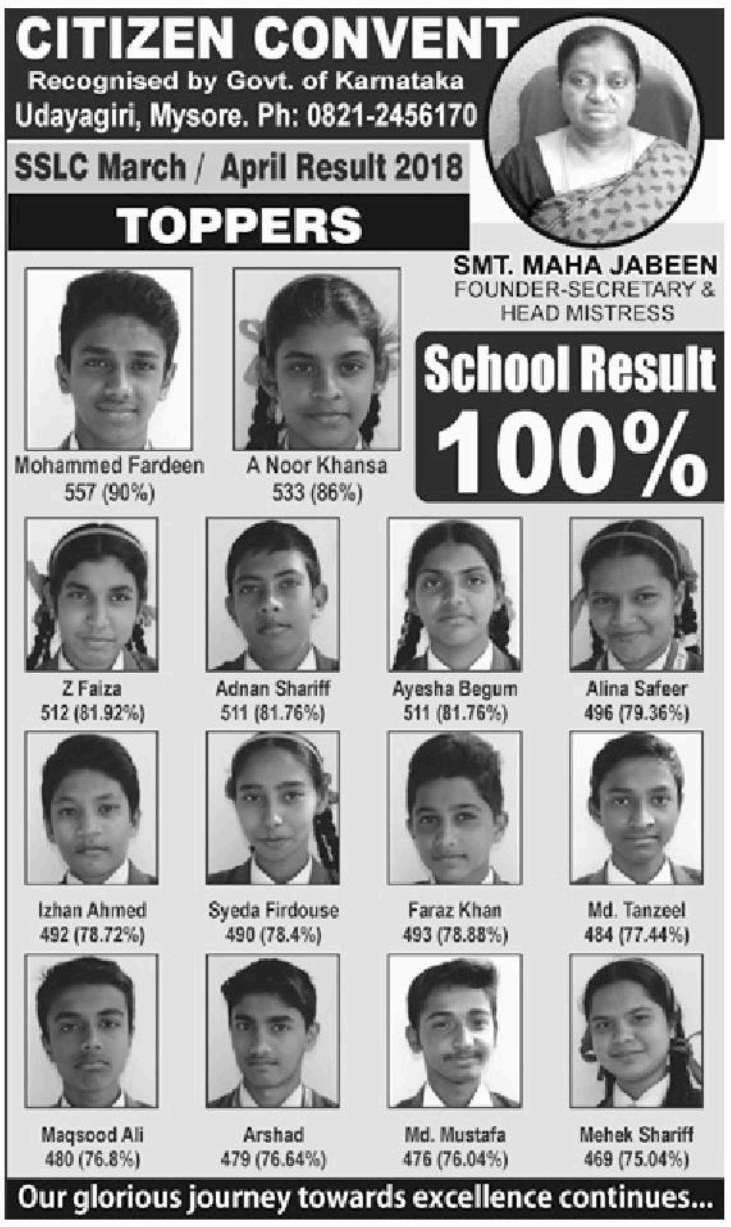

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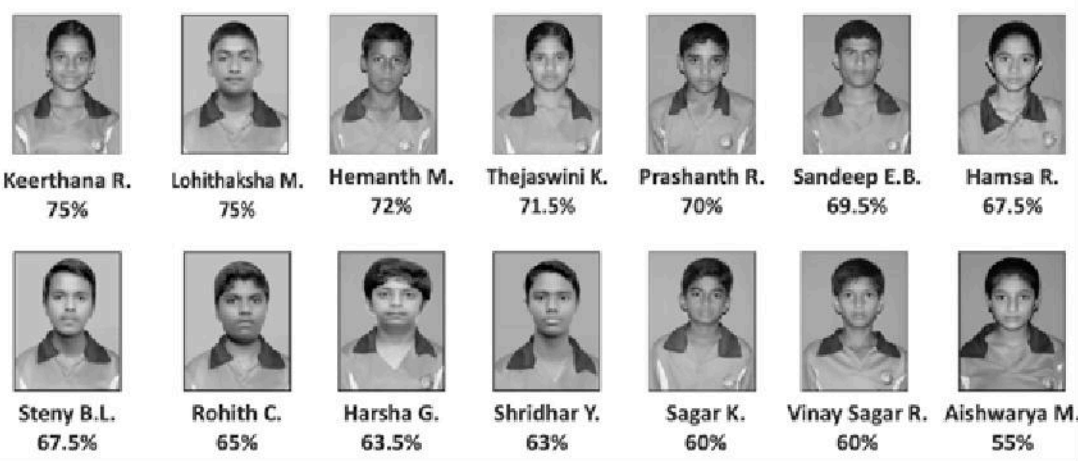

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